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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7547

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, JA

SUBJECT: SPECIALTY STEEL ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE

REFS: TOKYO 3393; STATE 56459

1. DURING CALL BY ECON COUNS ON OTHER MATTERS, SECOND  
NORTH AM DIV DIR SAITO, MOFA, RAISED QUESTION OF SPECIALTY  
STEEL CASE AND JAPANESE POSITION ON ORDERLY MARKETING  
ARRANGEMENT (OMA) AS POSSIBLE DEVICE FOR RESOLUTION. SAITO  
SAID THAT STR COUNSEL WOLFF HAD REPORTEDLY TOLD MINISTER  
FUKADA IN WASHINGTON THAT IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT GOJ  
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COULD NOT CONSIDER AN OMA. SAITO SAID THAT QUESTION OF

OMA HAD BEEN DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MITI AND TO SOME EXTENT WITH FINANCE MINISTER, AND JAPANESE DID NOT WISH TO RULE IT OUT ENTIRELY. CHOOSING HIS WORDS CAREFULLY, HE SAID THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OMA IS NOT GREAT BUT NOT FULLY FORECLOSED, AND ASKED THAT THIS BE CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON.

2. ECON COUNS ASKED WHAT NATURE OF OPPOSITION TO OMA IN GOJ WAS. SAITO ANSWERED THAT SOME MITI OFFICIALS, BUT NOT ALL, FELT THAT AN OMA WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR JAPAN AND THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO HAVE KNUCKLED UNDER TO PRESSURE FROM U.S.

3. SAITO LEFT IMPRESSION THAT AN OMA HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY RETAINED AS A POSSIBILITY AND THAT JAPANESE ATTITUDE WOULD DEPEND UPON PRECISE TERMS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED.  
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